bank Redeployment of staff in Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) evolved by National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) pursuant to recommendations of the Working Group on Manpower Planning in RRBs. NABARD has reported that the JRB has not agreed to the proposed deputation on account of resultant adverse impact on its financial position. The Officers' Association of JRB had also represented against the proposed deputation of migrant officers of KRB. J & K Bank Ltd., has subsequently decided that JRB will not be forced to absorb the officers of KRB on deputation.

Pipeline Project of GAIL

*554. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the rates submitted by each company for laying of 670 Km. B. J. pipeline and the names of the companies whose rates were approved by the Gas Authority of India Limited;

(b) what are the details of orders placed with each company;

(c) whether it is a fact that the tender of one company was rejected at the trial stage and if so, on what ground it was again approved; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that rules were changed to suit the selected company which has no previous experience of this nature?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) had invited tenders for (1) procurement of line pipe and (2) laying of pipeline, for Hazira-Bijapur-Jagadishpur (HBJ) upgradation project. Tender for laying of pipeline has not been finalised and is under evaluation.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Time-schedule of Flights

*555. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for frequent changes in the time-schedule of the flights in the eastern region (including north-east) during the last three months when weather happened to be fair;

(b) the number of flights delayed or cancelled between Kolkata and Agartala, Agartala and Guwahati and Guwahati and Kolkata;

(c) what were the reasons therefor;